

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A device for filling soluble containers comprising:

- (a) an assembly for orienting capsules;
- (b) an assembly for filling capsules;

wherein said assembly for orienting capsules comprises at least one sheet component for orienting capsules and at least one base component for guiding the oriented capsules there through to a following assembly:

said sheet component comprising at least one first sheet and at least one second sheet; said sheets being set apart and capable of being displaced relatively to each other;

said first sheet comprising a plurality of ribs provided individually at least in three out of four side edges of the sheet and a plurality of notches for accommodating the capsules loaded thereto, in coordination with said second sheet;

said second sheet comprising a plurality of notches adapted to substantially orient the capsules into filling position; wherein the assembly for orienting capsules comprises at least one displacement limitation means in at least one of said sheets, wherein said displacement limitation means includes at least one slot for sliding, said slot located in at least a first sheet or in at least a second sheet or in combination thereof, and a screw extending from said slot to limit relative displacement of said first sheet and with respect to said second sheet.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first sheet comprises an opening and closing means adapted movably at an open side of the first sheet, having at least a pair of thumb operable tabs for opening and closing and for in said opening and closing means to retaining said opening and closing means in a substantially closed position while said opening and closing means is in a non-operated state.

4. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein the longitudinal axes of ~~at least a substantial number of~~ notches in a first sheet are inclined relative to the length of the opening and closing means.

5. (currently amended) The device according to claim 4 wherein the longitudinal axes of ~~at least a substantial number of~~ notches in the first sheet are orthogonal to the length of the opening and closing means.

6. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the first sheet and the second sheet are configured as a sub-assembly and is capable of being used as a change-part in pre-assembled condition.

7. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the base component comprises at least four locating feet for supporting and locating the assembly for orienting capsules.

8. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein the distance between the first sheet and the second sheet is maintained by screw bushes such that the capsules sit perfectly within the notches without jumping off from a seated position.

9. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the notches of the second sheet comprise a first section and a second section wherein the size of the first section and the second section are configured in relation to the size of the capsules.

10. (currently amended) A device for filling soluble containers comprising:

- (a) an assembly for orienting a plurality of capsules;
- (b) an assembly for filling capsules;

wherein said assembly for filling capsules comprising:

a sheet component for holding a portion of capsules and thereby facilitating separation of a body portion and a cap portion of the capsules resulting in separated capsules, and a base component for supporting a portion of the separated capsules;

said sheet component comprising at least a pair of sheets and each of said sheets having a plurality of holes therein to allow passage of capsules there through for holding of a portion of each of the capsules for facilitating separation into the body portion and the cap portion wherein at least one of such said sheets is displaceable relative to one or more sheets for effecting gripping of a portion of the capsules during separation of the body portion and the cap portion of capsules;

said base component comprising a displacement means for effecting relative displacement of said sheets without removing the displacement means wherein the displacement means is a cam assembly mounted to the base component.

11. (currently amended) The device according to claim 10 wherein ~~the displacement means is a cam assembly mounted to the base component such that~~ the sheets are replaceable for filling other size capsules without removing a cam.

12. (previously presented) The device according to claim 11 wherein the cam is an eccentric cam having an offset distance of at least 1 mm.

13. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10 wherein the base component comprises a thumb post to facilitate operation of the displacement means by an operator's thumb.

14. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10 wherein the sheet positioned at a foremost position from the upper side comprises at least eight locating holes for locating an orienter assembly for over encapsulation.

15. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10 wherein the sheets are adapted to hold the body portion of the capsules in a single plane for enabling separation of the body portion and cap portion of the capsules.

16. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10 wherein the sheets have profile-cut portions and profile-cut strips that are capable of being positioned in a mating relationship with each other to enable gripping the body portion of the capsules in a single plane for enabling separation of the body portion and cap portion of the capsules.

17. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1

wherein the assembly for filling capsules further comprises a sheet component for holding a portion of capsules and thereby facilitating separation of a body portion and a cap portion of each of the capsules; and comprising a capsule tray adapted to form a gap to release entrapped air inside the caps portion and thereby avoid popping out of the cap portion of the capsules after separation into the body portion and the cap portion.

18. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10 further comprising a capsule tray adapted to form a gap to release entrapped air inside a plurality of cap portions of the capsules and thereby avoid popping out of the cap portion of the capsules after separation into the body portion and the cap portion.

19. (previously presented) The device according to claim 10 wherein one of the sheet components is displaced by sliding for enabling the separation of the body portion and cap portion of the capsule.

20. (previously presented) The device according to claim 19 wherein one eccentric head cam displaces one of the sheet components by sliding.

21. (new) The device according to claim 10 wherein the assembly for filling capsules further comprises a capsule tray adapted to form a gap to release entrapped air inside the cap portion and thereby avoid a popping out of the cap portion of the capsules after separation into the body portion and the cap portion.